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Members of the Commission:

Iron County, Missouri has a rich heritage as a once-bustling mining center, a popular nineteenth century summer resort, and the scene of a significant Civil War battle at Pilot Knob. While our history is focused on the natural resources that surround us, it is clear that information and technology are the resources we must develop to have a successful future.

Our schools, hospitals, small businesses, and mining operations increasingly rely on technology and communications, and to thrive in the future we will need a robust information infrastructure that provides access to high-speed mobile broadband service.

•The proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA will result in the expansion of access to high-speed wireless broadband to over ninety seven percent of America. Rural communities and smaller cities like we have in Iron County would be major beneficiaries, as many of these areas currently lack access to the type of high-speed broadband available in urban centers.

This merger would greatly benefit counties like Iron and communities like it all over the country. It would bring jobs and economic investment to underserved areas. In short, it would be a good thing for Iron County and a good thing for rural America. For these reasons, I ask that you approve this merger.

Sincerely,



Don Barzowski  
Iron County Commissioner

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